What is the MRC?

The MRC-La Crosse Area Unit is community-based and provides the opportunity to locally organize and utilize volunteers – medical and non-medical, who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year, and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

Our vision is a community where people help each other by preparing themselves and being ready to respond to help others in a public health emergency.

The civilian, volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers working to ensure the health and safety of our country and communities.

The Medical Reserve Corps program is headquartered in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response.

For more information visit: www.medicalreservecorps.gov
MRC-La Crosse

Why join?

- To learn personal and family preparedness
- To promote disease prevention
- To assist with receiving spontaneous volunteers after an emergency
- To assist with mass clinic dispensing
- To support emergency sheltering operations
- To put your skills, education and energy to use

What about training?

All greater La Crosse area MRC volunteers receive an orientation, must complete required training, including Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 700, receive a background check and are provided opportunities throughout the year to train in subjects including volunteer reception center support, shelter support, mass clinic support and a variety of other preparedness and response topics.

Who can join?

We need **medical** and **non-medical** volunteers trained and ready to respond to an emergency when called to assist local health and safety officials. Volunteers must be 18 years old and can include:

**Medical**

Physicians, nurses, dentists, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, veterinarians, epidemiologists, and emergency medical providers.

**Non-medical**

Interpreters, chaplains, legal advisors, educators, information technology, military staff, amateur radio, clerical, food service, childcare providers, etc.

How can I join?

Persons interested in becoming a member of the MRC-Greater La Crosse Area Unit can visit [https://weavrwi.org](https://weavrwi.org) to complete an online application.

Or contact the La Crosse County Health Department with any questions at 608-785-9844.

What about liability?

MRC volunteers are registered in the Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) and are protected for participation in established unit training and deployment.